

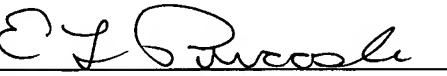
Application No. 10/666,147  
Response dated 20 April 2005  
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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, including claims 1 - 14. The claims of Group II, claims 15 – 27 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants have made a *bonafide* attempt to advance the prosecution of this application. Should any additional information be required in response to the restriction requirement, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below. An early Office action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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